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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AA, AB, AF and AG were cited in a European Search Report for a corresponding European patent application. A copy of the search report is also enclosed.

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